

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Page 1, before line 4, insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is the 35 USC 371 national stage of International Application PCT/IB00/00216 filed on February 28, 2000, which designated the United States of America.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 4, cancel the paragraphs beginning on line 12 and ending on line 18.

Page 4, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 5, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 6, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Page 9, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--In the modification shown in Figure 5, a sealed buffer reservoir 50 is added in the section of the circulation loop between the pumps 5 and 17, this latter being disposed in the return tubing 2, a Y shaped connection ~~[[52]]~~ 51 connects the extraction tubing 1 to the return tubing 2, and the extracorporeal circulation loop thus formed with a single access to the blood circulation of the patient, the connection 11 becoming a plug whose shape can permit or not the circulation of the liquid outside the connection 51. The connection between the source of solution 16 and the extracorporeal circulation loop is disposed in the extraction tubing 1, it could also be disposed in the return tubing 2 or in both.--